



Organization Information

Cumberland County Recovery Grants Application

Applicants: Please make sure you have all the information needed to fill out the Cumberland County Application. This application can be saved to be completed at another time. Use the Save as Draft button at the bottom of the page to save your work. Please complete all questions on the application. Incomplete application will not be considered.

On mobile devices, press and hold (?) for tool tips. If you are having any issue, it is recommended that you use a desktop or laptop to submit this application.

What Program Area are you applying under? * Infrastructure

Organization Information

Applicant Organization Name * (?) Upper Allen Township

**Taxpayer Identification Number
TIN/EIN or SSN * (?)** 23-6050246

Universal Entity Identifier (UEI) (if available)

Applicant Type * (?)

- ☒ Municipality
- ☐ Nonprofit
- ☐ Sole proprietor
- ☐ Limited Partnership
- ☐ Limited Liability Corporation
- ☐ S Corporation
- ☐ C Corporation

If Nonprofit what type? (eg 501c3)

Applicant Contact Information

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Project Management

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Have you contacted anyone at the County about the project? *

Yes

If so Who?

Kirk Stoner and President Martin has discussed with Commissioner Difilippo

How many current employees are at the project site?

Who will manage the project? *

Kelly R. Palmer, Assistant Township Manager

Budget Information

Project cost is required for this application. An applicant may request funds for non capital and/or capital projects.

Non capital projects may include planning, operating expenses, health treatments or other tasks.

Non - Capital Project (If your project is not a capital project, please complete this cost estimate). Please list and describe work tasks for your project.

Task Name	Task Description	Funds Requested	Matching Funds (1)(2) Minimum 30% of funds requested	Total
		0	0	0

	Total Funds Requested	Total Match	Total Non-Capital cost
Non-Capital totals	0	0	0

Capital Project (If your project is a capital project, Please complete this cost estimate.) Please select appropriate tasks in the dropdown task type. Add as many task types as needed

Task Type	Funds Requested	Matching Funds (1)(2) Minimum 30% of funds requested	Total
Construction	563,598	241,542	805,140
Contingency	56,360	24,154	80,514
Administration(3)	11,900	5,100	17,000

	Total Funds Requested	Total matching funds	Total Capital Cost
Capital totals	631,858	270,796	902,654

Total Operating and Capital Project Cost \$ 902,654.00

Footnotes:

(1) Calculated by Multiplying the ARP Funds requested by 0.30

(2) No Match required for mental and physical health projects

(3) Administration is limited to 2% of total project

Source(s) of Matching Funds (match can be any cash source that is controlled or provided by the applicant: private, local, state, federal)

Funding Type	Funding Source (describe the actual source)	Amount	Status
Local	We have park development fund money or could potentially use secured bond money	\$ 270,796.00	In hand
(For municipalities and non-profits only). Are you seeking a matching funds waiver for the project?		No	
(If yes). Are you seeking a waiver for the full amount or are you seeking a reduction in the percentage?			
Justification or Hardship Waiver		What is your justification or hardship for a waiver for? (please note that a waiver will not be automatically granted, applicants must provide proof that they have a financial hardship)	
Basis for cost estimate		What is the basis of your cost estimate? (for capital projects you must have an engineers estimate and ensure that it is projected for time of construction to account for inflation) We have a Professional Engineer's estimate that is projected for the time of construction to account for inflation. We have attached the professional estimate as supplement to this application.	

Project Description

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Please provide a project description. (the narrative must specifically address each of the cost line items identified in the budget section).

In 2020 Upper Allen Township (UAT) purchased a 60.9-acre parcel of land off McCormick Road with the intention of developing it into a public park. In March 2021, UAT hired a professional landscape architecture and engineering firm to develop a Master Plan for the public park. As part of the master planning process, a series of public input sessions was conducted where residents were asked to vote on preferred park amenities. The number one response from the public was walking/biking trails.

In the Governor's 2020-2024 Pennsylvania Outdoor Recreation Plan, trails continue to dominate feedback provided on how to improve outdoor recreation in the Commonwealth. More than 75% of the Commonwealth's Public Input respondents identified community or regional trail systems as their highest priority for facility investment.

Both Upper Allen Township and Cumberland County's population continue to grow exponentially. Comparing the 2010 and 2020 census data, UAT's population has grown 28% and Cumberland County's has increased by close to 10%. Growth areas such as this one, are faced with the exciting challenge of ensuring that trails and multi modal connections are not lost between communities. Growth also means more pressure on existing recreation resources and requires smart investment in new facilities.

Cumberland County's Recovery Grant Program uniquely positions UAT and Cumberland County to strategically partner in meeting residents' demand to provide welcoming, safe, inclusive, and accessible recreational infrastructure for all.

Our proposed project features over one mile of stabilized 8-foot-wide ADA compliant path connections and parking. Each year, UAT allocates money in its budget to benches. We plan to add park benches with extra space to the side so residents and guests who require mobility aids can rest comfortably while enjoying the park. For your reference, we have attached a site map and a vehicular and pedestrian circulation map from the master plan with the areas that we plan to develop through this project highlighted.

Description of the cost line items from the budget section details:

Site Mobilization

Cost: \$21,120.60

Description: Assembly and setting up for the project, contractor's necessary general plant, including offices, field office, shops, plants, storage areas, sanitary and any other facilities. Costs required for insurance, bonds, and other initial expenses

Soil Erosion & Sedimentation Control

Cost: \$40,000

Description: Topsoil stockpile, sediment control BMPs, disposal of excess material, placement of clean fill, stabilization of disturbed areas, placement of stabilization blankets, and mulching

Site Excavation & Placement of Fill

Cost: \$110,000

Description: Perform excavation of site materials and borrow areas to establish rough grades including the placement of fill material, and site compaction

Finish Grading and Seeding

Cost: \$38,850

Description: Placement of topsoil, soil conditioning, finished grading, seeding, mulching, and maintenance

Stormwater Management Infrastructure

Cost: \$100,000

Description: Network of natural and semi-natural systems that manage stormwater runoff by slowing the rate of water flow and filtering out harmful pollutants before they drain into waterways

8" 2A Base Stone Aggregate

Cost: \$57,420

Description: Placement of PennDOT 2A stone aggregate for construction of a stable subbase on a 12-foot-wide access drive and onsite parking areas

Paved Trail

Cost: \$357,750

Description: Placement of six inches of PennDOT 2A stone aggregate for construction of a stable subbase for an eight-foot-wide walking trail that includes a 2-inch layer of bituminous asphalt pavement

Boardwalk

Cost: \$80,000

Description: Eco-friendly trail continuation to preserve identified wetland area.

This project's deliverables meet all three of the County's policy goals: 1) infrastructure through construction of recreational trails and green infrastructure; 2) promoting mental and physical health services to underserved populations, and 3) COVID-19 recovery through providing a safe, clean and well-maintained space for residents and guests to gather as society's behavior has collectively shifted towards outdoor recreation.

The Township plans to display proper acknowledgement signage for our funding partners.

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What do you plan to accomplish with the project? *

Identify problems that need to be solved

This project gives UAT and Cumberland County an opportunity to build on their reputations as leaders in creating safe and clean parks that appeal to regional visitors of all walks of life and abilities. This project will connect community residents to close-to-home recreational opportunities and green space while reconnecting people to the outdoors through recreational experiences.

According to research done by Penn State University (2019 Spring Lion Poll), more than 9 out of 10 Pennsylvanians participated in at least some outdoor recreation activity over the last year. Over half of Pennsylvanians participated in outdoor recreation at least once or twice per month.

The data outlined in the project narrative details the boom in local population growth and demonstrates an increased demand for outdoor recreational facilities. As this area's population continues to grow, the number of people with mobility issues continues to climb. Almost one quarter of adults in Pennsylvania have some type of disability. Providing access to facilities for all people and underserved populations can present a myriad of challenges. In a recent survey conducted by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania nearly half of local recreation providers indicated providing inclusive facilities for persons with disabilities being a significant or major challenge.

Additionally, this project is the next step in maintaining the Township's commitment to providing high-quality parks and open spaces to its residents and guests. This project will also assist the Township in attaining some of the goals laid out in its 2016 Comprehensive Parks, Recreation & Open Space Plan by providing recreation opportunities that balance the protection of open space and natural resources with the need for passive recreation facilities and space while continuing to maintain parks to an unparalleled standard.

This project accomplishes meeting county policy priorities and our residents' stated desire for safe and well planned multi modal recreational facilities, expanding a sense of belonging for all our residents and guests.

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What outcome do you expect to deliver with the project? *

Please include expected outcomes that are measurable, obtainable, clear, understandable and valid. Examples of measurable outcomes include jobs created or retained, people trained, land or building acquired, housing units renovated or built, counseling sessions provided, etc

This park project is a large long-term investment that will pay its users and the community back in dividends as it meets all three of the County's policy goals for funding (infrastructure, mental and physical health, and COVID-19 recovery). In order to summarize this as an outcome: This project creates and strengthens connections between outdoor recreation and health in our community for people of all ages and abilities.

Understanding our community's background and issues helps target the use of limited resources. UAT believes that this project will uncover barriers to realization of the full positive physical and mental health impacts through the addition of green and recreational infrastructure.

Recreational interests and needs between groups vary. Appropriately addressing these needs will increase our community's resiliency. In the past, UAT placed emphasis on connecting youth to safe and clean sport fields, playgrounds, and other facilities. In recent years, gaining the insight that green spaces offer flexibility and inclusiveness to groups with alternative traditions in physical activity and cultural views of natural settings; UAT has prioritized supporting diverse and underserved populations, and encouraging multi-generational experiences through recreational infrastructure.

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How many are projected to be created by the Project?

Construction Jobs? *	0
Permanent Jobs? *	1
How many Temporary Jobs? *	10
How many jobs are or will be retained by the Project? *	5

**Projected schedule and key milestone
dates and project readiness ***

A detailed schedule of activities including key milestones and dates must accompany the application. When will the project begin? When will it be completed? Please identify and address any issues (funding, regulatory, etc.) that may affect the ability to complete the project.

If funded, an existing contractor who employs a 5- to 10-person construction crew would be engaged during the active construction period of this project.

As additional recreational assets have come online in the previous years, the Township has adjusted the annual budgets to ensure proper maintenance and to make sure all visitors experience a clean and safe park. The Township's labor force will benefit by continued stable employment from the continued and deferred maintenance provided by this project. There will be an ongoing additional need to properly maintain the area for public use.

On July 20, 2022, Derck & Edson will give a public presentation of the final master plan at the Township's Board of Commissioner's meeting, providing a near shovel ready project.

If awarded funding, UAT plans to bid the project late winter 2022 in preparation for an early April 2023 project start date. The contract period would be set to 180 days.

We have attached a copy of the master plan as supplement to this application. Additionally, we would like to extend an invitation to all County stakeholders in this award process to attend the July 20th public meeting.

We plan to follow the timeline sequenced below:

1. Put Project out to Bid: Winter 2022
2. Project Start Date: April 2023
3. Topsoil Removal/Stockpiling: May 2023
4. Site Excavation/placement of fill material: May 2023-June 2023
5. Placement of Stone Aggregate Subbase: June 2023-July 2023
6. Placement of Bituminous Pavement: July 2023- September 2023
7. Finish Grading/Seeding: September 2023-October 2023
8. ADA Compliant Benches: October 2023

As a near shovel-ready project that UAT has a pre-vested interest in following through to completion, UAT does not anticipate any funding or regulatory issues that may affect its ability to complete the project.

We currently have the NPDES permit in place for the driveway portion of the project. The Township engineer plans to modify the existing permit to accommodate the improvements proposed in this project.

In the event of unfavorable market conditions, such as supply chain issues and/or material/labor shortages, UAT is in a position to phase this project into multiple segments if necessary.

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How will this project be sustained or maintained after the grant is expended? *

UAT is committed to properly maintaining this site in the future and ensuring that is open and accessible to the public throughout its useful life. Future management and maintenance of the Township's Park facilities will be supported through the continual funding of the Parks Department in the Township's annual General Fund Budget. In addition to capital expenditures, budget funding for this department has increased as priorities have changed, and the Township continues to expand and develop its park system (2018=\$442,053; 2019=\$517,966; 2020=\$425,088; 2021=\$416,198; 2022=\$622,000).

Township maintenance crews sustain over 200 acres of park land throughout the year using a combination of permanent staff and seasonal help. During the past three years Upper Allen Township has spent \$429,941 (in park operation and capital purchases) in support of Township-owned parks and has budgeted another \$282,000 to continue support in 2022 (total does not include funds spent from the collection of developer recreation fees).

The Township is committed to providing the local communities maintained, well-equipped, and beautifully landscaped parks for years to come. As part of its commitment to continual improvement of Township parks, the Board of Commissioners established an annual recreation real estate tax. The real estate tax is set at .1 mill in 2022 and strictly used for direct use capital improvements. Revenue collected from this tax are spent on new playgrounds, land purchases, and other miscellaneous park improvements. General maintenance is not supported from these dedicated tax revenues.

Since its inception, the revenues from this fund have supported installation of new walking paths, refurbished playgrounds, and constructed a dog park. Upper Allen Township is committed to maximizing limited dollars to create long lasting recreational opportunities at its parks and schedules, plans and saves specifically for the upkeep of its outdoor assets.

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Please describe how this project benefits underserved populations? *

Populations that experience barriers to access services or life needs including populations underserved because of geographic location, religion, sexual orientation, gender identity, underserved racial and ethnic populations, populations underserved because of special needs (such as language barriers, disabilities, alienage status, or age.)

UAT will make efforts to increase accessibility everywhere it can for this project. It is UAT's position that every resident and guest should be able to safely access the trails regardless of ability.

UAT has been working to increase access and equity for people of all ages and abilities. The project we are proposing expands the recreational opportunities of this park beyond those who are involved in youth sports or are without physical disabilities. It is designed to be inviting to anyone who is looking for an inclusive recreational opportunity.

The construction of the trail system outlined in this proposal centers on ease of access from the very beginning and if funded is expected to be a welcoming accessible facility for people of all abilities for many years into the future.

This project will also feature park benches with four feet of extra space to the side so residents who require mobility aids can rest comfortably while out soaking in nature and in the future enjoying the park facilities.

In summary, this project allows for further diversification and opportunities for the end users of the park while catering to an underserved population in Cumberland County.

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How will this project help to limit the spread of COVID-19 or assist in the recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic? *

Public parks and trails are widely recognized as essential for health and wellness, reducing anxiety, stress, and depression and improving physical health. Awarding funding for this project will help assist in the recovery of the COVID-19 public health emergency by strengthening overall population health of county residents through outdoor recreational infrastructure.

The COVID-19 pandemic in conjunction with its resulting economic downturn has adversely affected overall population health. The pandemic brought to light existing barriers for people who suffer from mental illness and generated new obstacles to addressing these.

According to the World Health Organization (WHO), global prevalence of anxiety and depression increased by 25% over the last two years. As of 2021-year end, the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) declared that an alarming 1 in 4 persons in the U.S. have reported symptoms of anxiety or depressive disorder.

The community lockdowns which were implemented to contain the spread of COVID-19 contributed to decreased overall physical health, fostering physical inactivity and a lack of engagement in wellness activities. As both the mental and physical health fallout from the pandemic continue, necessary public health interventions must be taken to minimize poor health outcomes.

Emerging evidence demonstrates that recreational infrastructure spaces have a positive influence on mental, emotional, and behavioral health by preventing or mitigating the impact of stress anxiety and depression. Study after study in the public health and mental health communities reinforce why making it simple and accessible for people to spend time outdoors positively influences

our collective society translating into our community's residents.

Providing access to safe places for physical activity such as parks and trails encourages the community to participate in physical activity and do so more often. The physical activity our residents get from recreating in our parks provides physical health benefits such as weight control, lowered risk of chronic disease, strengthening bones and muscles and reduced healthcare costs associated with these issues.

Residents count on local government leadership to assist with recovery support from pandemic fallout. This project will foster our community's resilience now more than ever as our residents turn to our recreational infrastructure like never before- fresh air, exercise, walking, biking, meditation, solace with nature. During quarantine, public parkland saw some of its highest usage in modern times, proving it an essential part of how people cope and recover from the public health crisis.

The COVID-19 pandemic created what is known today across the country as the "Pandemic Trail Boom". According to the Rails to Trails Conservancy, trail use skyrocketed 79% in 2020. In the absence of trail counter technology in our parks, it's difficult to quantify data for local governments; however, our data and technology driven society illustrates compelling statistics.

The American Trails Organization provides studies to support the boom through aggregating average monthly trail counts across the country. Additionally, data collected in the consumer economy suggests the societal shift in behavior as well. In the U.S. bicycle sales climbed 65%, indicating additional demand for safe multimodal transportation facilities. Technology company Garmin compiles all the data collected by its smart watches shows that as of 2021, outdoor trail activity has increased over 21% since its 2019 numbers.

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Upload Documents

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2020 and 2021 tax returns or 990 forms *

No tax return available.pdf

378.69KB

Organization Completed W-9 *

W-900048920220104144713.pdf

114.62KB

Match Waiver Justification documentation

Site Map (for capital projects) *

Trails_C SITE PLAN.pdf

598.69KB

2022-6-29 1215 McCormick Park Trail

Estimate.pdf

408.81KB

Ownership

If the applicant is not the owner of the land or property, please provide a letter of commitment from the owner giving consent for the project or a letter or intent to sell the property in the case of property acquisition. If a property lease is required, please provide a letter from the owner showing intent to lease the property for the project

List of permits (capital project only)

Please provide a list of all federal state and/or local permits required if any and the status of each.

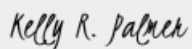
Acknowledgements

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By electronically signing this page, I acknowledge that I have read the Cumberland County Recovery Grant Program informational materials and hereby certify the following:

- ✓ All information and statements contained in this application, and all documents and exhibits submitted with this application, to the best of the applicant's knowledge are true, accurate, complete, and not misleading, as of this application.
- ✓ Upon request, applicant will submit additional information and documentation in support of this application. Any further information or documentation submitted by applicant in connection with this application shall also be subject to these acknowledgements.
- ✓ Upon execution of the grant agreement, grantees will be required to report quarterly and will be reviewed in detail for progress on the project. If progress is not being made in accordance with schedule milestones, the County reserves the right to reduce or cancel a funding award.
- ✓ The application is based on the applicant's reasonable estimate and all funds will be utilized by the applicant solely for operations in Cumberland County and all funds received from this program by applicant shall be used for such purposes.
- ✓ The expenditures outlined in this application have not been reimbursed from another federal program or state grant.
- ✓ The applicant has fully complied with, and will fully comply with, all federal, state, and local laws and regulations applicable to this grant and applicant's business, assets and/or operations, and the applicant is not currently under investigation with respect to any violation of, or failure to comply with, any such applicable law or regulation. No funds will be used for any purpose or in any manner that violates federal, state, or local laws or regulations.
- ✓ If successful, funding under this grant program will be awarded on a cost reimbursement basis.
- ✓ If successful, the grant may be treated as income and applicable taxes will be the responsibility of the applicant and must be paid.
- ✓ Applicant recognizes that there is no assurance that applicant will be awarded any grant of any size, regardless of how well the applicant may meet the criteria for awarding these grants and regardless of what the applicant may have been told or read with respect to this grant program because of the limited amount of grant funds available for award and the many competing community needs.
- ✓ All decisions and recommendations with respect to this application and this grant are final and non-appealable. Applicant acknowledges that grant award determinations will be made based on both objective and subjective analysis of information available and that award determinations need not follow strictly or consistently the scoring methods utilized. The applicant also acknowledges that the identity of funding and recipients, award amounts, and application scores and recommendations will become public information.
- ✓ The person submitting this application has the authority of the applicant to submit the application on its behalf.
- ✓ As a condition of applicant's submission of the application and receipt of any Benefits made available under the Program, the applicant hereby releases the County of Cumberland, Pennsylvania, their respective partners, designees and affiliates in facilitating and administering this benefit program and their respective elected officials, Boards of Directors, officers, employees, representatives, volunteers and committees of and from any claims and/or causes of action of any kind or type arising from or out of (a) their receipt and review of the application, (b) the administration of the Program and/or distribution or delivery of the Benefits available under the Program, (c) the benefits received by the applicant, and (d) any other matter or thing related to the program.

Signature *



Name *

Kelly R. Palmer

Date *

6/30/2022

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